

READ ALOUD RESOURCE OUTLINE:

- Passage with the word count for teachers to track students' oral reading practice.
- Additional information about the passage and other resources.
- Passage for students to practice reading aloud.

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey

On a bright September morning, when most children his age were	11
in school fretting over fractions and decimal points, a boy named	22
Reynie Muldoon was walking down a dusty road. He was an	33
average-looking boy - with average brown hair and eyes, legs of	44
average length, nose an average distance from his ears, and so on -	56
and he was entirely alone. Other than a falcon soaring high over	68
the road and a few meadowlarks keeping a low profile in the fields	81
on either side, Reynie was the only living creature around.	91
To an observer, Reynie might well have appeared lost and far from	103
home, and in fact such an observer would have been half right. At	116
least Reynie found it amusing to think so, for he had just	128
determined that his present situation could be described entirely	137
in terms of halves: he was half a day's drive from the suburbs of	151
Stonetown, where he lived; half a mile from the nearest small	162
town; and according to the man who had given him directions, he	174
had another half mile to go before he reached his destination. The	186

most important thing, however, was that it had been half a year	198
since he had seen his three closest friends.	206
Reynie squinted against the sun. Not far ahead the dirt lane went	218
up a steep hill, just as the man in town had said it would. Beyond	233
the hill he should find the farm. And on that farm he would find	247
Kate Wetherall.	249

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By Trenton Lee Stewart

- Lexile® oral readability measure of the oral reading excerpt (249 words): 800L
- Lexile® text measure of the complete book: 890L

Words to Practice:

- fretting
- low profile
- meadowlarks
- squinted

Other Books By Trenton Lee Stewart:

- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* | Lexile text measure: 890L
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma* | Lexile text measure: 900L
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Riddle of Ages* | Lexile text measure: 830L

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On a bright September morning, when most children his age were in school fretting over fractions and decimal points, a boy named Reynie Muldoon was walking down a dusty road. He was an average-looking boy - with average brown hair and eyes, legs of average length, nose an average distance from his ears, and so on - and he was entirely alone. Other than a falcon soaring high over the road and a few meadowlarks keeping a low profile in the fields on either side, Reynie was the only living creature around.

To an observer, Reynie might well have appeared lost and far from home, and in fact such an observer would have been half right. At least Reynie found it amusing to think so, for he had just determined that his present situation could be described entirely in terms of halves: he was half a day's drive from the suburbs of Stonetown, where he lived; half a mile from the nearest small town; and according to the man who had given him directions, he had another half mile to go before he reached his destination. The most important thing, however, was that it had been half a year since he had seen his three closest friends.

Reynie squinted against the sun. Not far ahead the dirt lane went up a steep hill, just as the man in town had said it would. Beyond the hill he should find the farm. And on that farm he would find Kate Wetherall.